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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 11, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 11, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/4471.Y1/AOP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.